

### **REMARKS**

Claims in the case are 1-12. Claims 1-12 have been amended herein. No claims have been added, and no claims have been cancelled herein.

The claims have been amended for purposes of form, e.g., by replacing "characterized in that" with --wherein--, rearranging terms, including indentation, and beginning process steps with a gerund.

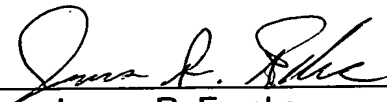
Claim 8 has been amended to read as an independent process claim. The subject matter of Claim 1 has been incorporated into Claim 8 by amendment herein. Claim 12 has been amended to read as an article of manufacture claim (rather than a non-statutory use-claim). Basis for the amendments to Claim 12 are found at page 19, lines 9-15 of the specification.

The specification has been modified to include section headings. A Field of the Invention has been inserted near the top of page 1 of the specification, basis for which is found in Claims 1 and 8. Page 3 has been amended to include a Summary of the Invention, basis for which is found in Claim 1.

Page 3 of the specification has also has been amended to included a Brief Description of the Drawings. Basis for the description of Figure 1 is found at page 3, lines 6-29 of the specification. Basis for the description of Figure 2 is found at page 22, lines 8-14 of the specification.

The amendments presented herein are not deemed to represent the entry of new matter into the application. Applicants respectfully request entry of the present Preliminary Amendment.

Respectfully submitted,

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